



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES**

WORKSHOP – AUGUST 13, 2014 – NOON
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, 233 ATLANTIC AVENUE
NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Purpose: The purpose of the Workshop is to discuss options related to the Town Campus.

1. Call to Order by the Chair, Mr. Maggiore.

Chair Maggiore called the workshop to order at 12:05 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton, Town Administrator Apple, Library Director, Susan Grant and Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Susan Buchanan. Members of the public in attendance were Donald Gould and Donna Etela.

2. First Public Comment Session

Public Comment is an opportunity for residents to ask questions, request information and make comments on issues facing the Town. Individuals ordinarily will be given not more than three (3) minutes to speak, and people who have already spoken will be asked to wait until everyone has had the chance to speak once. The total time devoted to this agenda item is fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals who are not able to speak will be given first opportunity to speak during the Second Public Comment Session at the end of the Meeting.

3. New Business

3.1 Discuss options related to the Town Campus.

Chair Maggiore stated he asked to have the workshop because there needs to be direction given as to where the plan is going as time is running out in order to have the town campus on the ballot. He further stated it was important for the Select Board to give a clear direction so that the public will understand the direction in which they are going.

The Select Board discussed time frames needed for sending out bids for a construction manager, as well as the need to receive a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) as soon as possible.

Selectman Stanton asked whether or not the current library building could be saved, and the possibility of adding on instead of building new.

Chair Maggiore explained the traffic flow problem that would be created if the library building was not torn down. It was noted that the shell of the library is structurally sound, but the interior needs renovation. He further stated the cost to renovate would be more expensive than to build new.

The Select Board discussed one warrant article for the safety complex, and one warrant article for the new library. There was a consensus amongst board members for two warrant articles versus one. Further discussion ensued and a consensus on four bays at the new fire station.

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Town Administrator Apple stated it was very important to have unity between the Select Board and the Library Trustees, and that both should have an equal role in presenting the plan.

Town Administrator Apple updated the Select Board on current Route One land acquisition options for the safety complex.

The Select Board discussed the schedule for having a Request for Proposal (RFP) out by September 15, with responses due by October 15, a decision by October 31 and the GMP by November 30.

Don Gould asked if he could have two minutes to make a few statements. Mr. Gould stated he felt there would be a risk in having two warrant articles in that there is the risk of the public safety complex passing and not the library which would lead to an imperfect traffic configuration.

Mr. Gould further stated the town could potentially save \$750,000 by enacting a policy stating the Ladder Truck and the Pumper Truck will only be replaced with a Quint, and therefore the need for only three bays in the fire station. Mr. Gould also suggested listing the location of the public safety complex in the warrant article.

4. Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

The Board reserves the right to take action on any item relative to the prudential administration of the Town's affairs which circumstances may require.

Janet Facella discussed the agenda process with the Select Board, and asked for their cooperation in asking questions prior to the meetings instead of "on camera" in order to prevent potential embarrassment to town employees.

5. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

6. Adjournment

Chair Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Facella, Administrative Assistant

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